

House Resolution No. 2394

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take pride in recognizing those Show-Me State educational programs which are enormously influential in assisting students to reach their goals as productive citizens who are involved in the betterment of their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, The Independence Academy is the first secondary institution in the Independence 30 School District to participate in the Missouri Learn and Serve program through a grant which was underwritten in April 2001; and

Whereas, affiliation with Missouri Learn and Serve incorporates the goals of decreasing the dropout rate at The Independence Academy, building a more positive relationship with the Independence Police Department, improving MAP test scores, and reducing absences; and

Whereas, the Student Advisory Board at The Independence Academy is made up of students who were chosen for their apparent leadership skills and who organized the student body into one of seven Service Learning classes, wrote presentations for use throughout the community, kept attendance and financial records related to Service Learning activities and events, and attended Learn and Serve conferences; and

Whereas, The Independence Academy Service Learning participants became involved in projects which supported the work of the United Way, assisted elderly and disabled residents at Pleasant Heights, helped children at the Sunshine Center, supplied companionship and art assistance for students completing a mural at Blackburn Elementary School, walked and cared for animals at the Independence Animal Shelter, tutored students at Glendale in math concepts, helped Scott McQuerry at the Science Center in Pioneer Ridge prepare for fairs and classes, and visited Blackburn Elementary School to help students with their math, English, and history classes:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the contributions of Service Learning students to various venues throughout the Independence area and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest commendation of their leadership, work, and accomplishments, and our best wishes for continued personal success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Service Learning participants at The Independence Academy in Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2394, adopted April 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker